

Introduced by Senator Wiggins

February 18, 2010

An act to add Section 4510.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental disabilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1129, as introduced, Wiggins. Health services: Sonoma Developmental Center.

Existing law vests in the State Department of Developmental Services jurisdiction over various state hospitals referred to as developmental centers, including the Sonoma Developmental Center, for the medical and nursing care of patients with developmental disabilities.

This bill would require the Director of Developmental Services to provide medical, dental, wheelchair repair and modification, orthopedic shoe, and other health-related services at the Sonoma Developmental Center, through the center's operation of an outpatient clinic, to persons with developmental disabilities who reside at the center, and also to individuals who reside in the surrounding community.

This bill would authorize the department to obtain status as a Medi-Cal provider in order to receive reimbursement for services provided to nondevelopmental center patients, and would require the department to pursue other funding sources. The bill would make the provision of services to nondevelopmental patients contingent upon obtaining appropriate status as a Medi-Cal provider or otherwise obtaining sufficient funds through other funding sources.

This bill would require the costs of administering the program to be funded through existing resources of the department.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the County of Sonoma.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4510.5 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 4510.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
4 Director of Developmental Services shall provide medical, dental,
5 wheelchair repair and modification, orthopedic shoe services, and
6 other health-related services that are provided for persons with
7 developmental disabilities at Sonoma Developmental Center to
8 individuals residing in the surrounding community through the
9 center's operation of an outpatient clinic.
10 (b) The department may obtain appropriate status as a Medi-Cal
11 provider in order to be reimbursed for services provided to
12 nondevelopmental center patients. The department shall pursue
13 other funding sources to minimize the fiscal impact of the program
14 on the General Fund. Other sources may include the establishment
15 of a certified public expenditure program or procurement of a
16 waiver under federal Medicaid provisions.
17 (c) Provision of services to nondevelopmental center patients
18 required pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be contingent on the
19 department obtaining appropriate status as a Medi-Cal provider
20 or otherwise obtaining sufficient funds through other sources as
21 provided in subdivision (b).
22 (d) Administration of this program shall be funded through
23 existing resources of the department. No additional General Fund
24 moneys shall be appropriated to the department for the
25 administration of the program.
26 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
27 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
28 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
29 Constitution because of the unique circumstances concerning the
30 County of Sonoma.